

We claim:

1. An article having on at least a portion of its surface a multi-layer coating comprising:

layer comprised of polymer;

color and protective layer comprised of refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy.

2. The article of claim 1 wherein said refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound is selected from the group consisting of nitrides, carbides, oxides and carbonitrides.

3. The article of claim 2 wherein said refractory metal compound or refractory metal alloy compound is a refractory metal nitride or refractory metal alloy nitride.

4. The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal or refractory metal alloy is on said layer comprised of polymer.

5. The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound.

6. The article of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound.

7. The article of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound.

8. The article of claim 4 wherein a layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said layer comprised of refractory metal compound.

9. The article of claim 1 wherein said layer comprised of polymer is comprised of epoxy urethane.